

Gadgets

Gadgets are handy tools for your blog. There are many gadgets for you to choose from, and Google adds more all the time. Handouts for using Gadgets are available in Tech Tips under Google Tools

Gadgets to Get To Know First:

1. Poll

Create a simple survey to keep visitors coming back.

2. Text

Create text to display in the sidebar. Text can be linked, so this is a good way to display links.

3. Picture

Add a original picture or graphic to the sidebar. This can stand alone, or serve as a visual link. **Please remember** copyright and student photo permission rules.

4. Slideshow

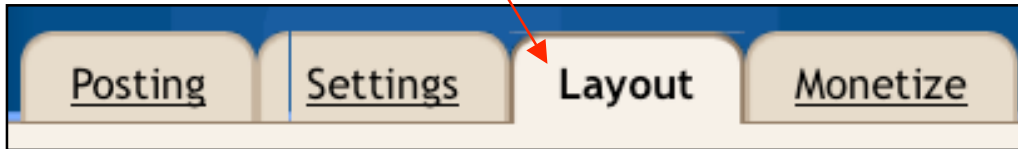
Picassa is another useful Google Tool, accessible through your Google account. Photo albums uploaded to Picassa can be displayed as a small slideshow in the sidebar of your blog. Clicking on the slideshow provides visitors with access to all the photos in the album, plus a full view of the slideshow. As an added bonus, images added to the slideshow are automatically updated and included in the slideshow so there is no need to recreated it. This is an efficient way to post photos on your blog.

5. Subscription Link

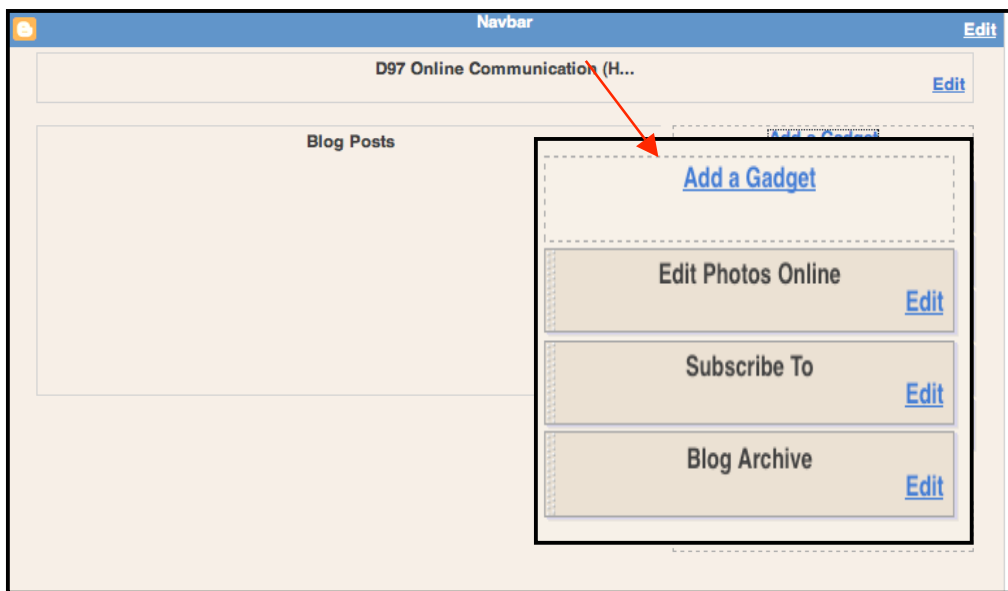
This is the simplest gadget to use. It provides visitors with the opportunity to subscribe to your blog, so it is easily accessible at a convenient time through Google Reader.

Add a Gadget:

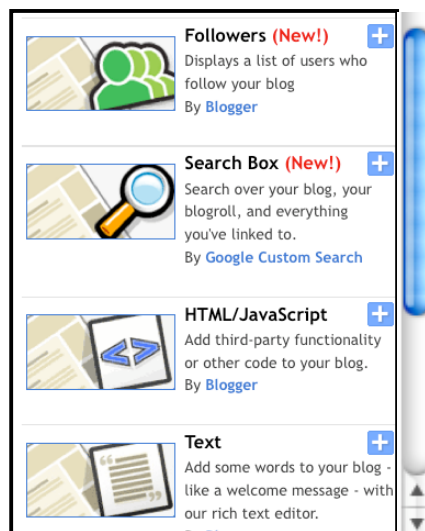
1. Go to Edit Layout



2. Choose Add a Gadget



3. Scroll through this list to find the desired gadget.



Need help with a specific gadget? Check the **Tech Tips** section of the D97 website. Look for the **Blogs** button.